Purchase of alum by Badarpur power plant from large scale industries

3304. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHA. KRAVARTY:

SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation Badarpur is purchasing 'ALUM' worth crores of rupees annually from large industrial houses whereas the said item is reserved for manufacturing in small scale sector and also reserved for purchasing by Government organisations from small scale, sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant has agreed in principle *to* encourage the setting up of ancillary industries fee the items reserved for small scale sector under New 20-Point Economic Programme to generate more employment and to end poverty speedily; and

(c) if so what are the" details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP. NATH RAI): (a) According to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). alum is purchased by Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) by inviting open-tenders and due consideration is given *to* small-scale Industries Corporation with the National Small Industries Corporation, in accordance! with the existing instructions of the Government. Purchase of alum by Government organisations has not so far been rf6erved for the small scale sector.

Alum worth about Rs. 40 lakhs wa? purchased by BTPS from 1986 up July 1988.

(b) and (c) According *to* NTPC a large number of existing small scale in- . dustrirs in and around Delhi, have been identified and short listed by BTPS for purchase of spare: parte required by them.

Prices of glipizide range formulations

3305. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 687 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the leading formulatios brands based on Glipizide Thoridazme, Cephaloridine, Flubiprofen Oxyfedrine Hcl and what are their sales as per ORG during 1988;

(b) what were the prices of there brands under DPCO 1979 and what arc their prices at present alongwith the details of percentage increase; and

(c) whether the prices of these products were ever fixed under DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTIER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Sales turn-over of formulations is not monitored. The details relating to prices of leading brands of formulations based on the! bulk drugs referred to in the question are therefore not available.

Fixation of prices df T. B. Drugs,

@3306. SHRI KRJSHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 25th July, J988 regarding over-chalrging: the T. B. patients for rifampicin capsule and INH, the most effective drugs for tlie dise-

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of this essential drug has not been fixed since !983; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the measures taken by Government *to* ensure the availability of the drug to T B Patients at the fixed prices?

SHRI MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) to (c) A price of Rs. 12.01 has bee* fixed for 4 capsules of Rifampicinand ©Previously Unstarred Question 2612 transferred from the 17th August, I9SS.